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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/611,578	Applicant(s) CHI, ANTHONY M. <i>AK</i>	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on April 15, 2004 is acknowledged.

Claims 7-22 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on April 15, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Patent No. 6,478,212 to Engel.

In regards to claim 1, Engel teaches a method for fabricating a structure for receiving a wire bond, said method comprising the steps of: fabricating a substrate material having portions that form a substrate cavity within said substrate material; filling said substrate cavity with portions of a wire bond pad to form a wire bond cavity in said

wire bond pad; and covering edge portions of said wire bond pad with passivation material at column 5, lines 18-25.

In regards to claim 2, Engel teaches the method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising the step fabricating said wire bond cavity with portions that form at least one side of said wire bond cavity at column 5, lines 18-25.

In regards to claim 3, Engel teaches the method as set forth in claim 1 further comprising the step of fabricating said wire bond cavity with portions that form a wire bond cavity having a cross sectional shape that is one of: circular, oval, square, rectangular and irregular at column 5, lines 33-34 and 40-44.

In regards to claim 4, Engel teaches a method of wirebonding a wire to a structure for receiving a wire bond, said method comprising the steps of: fabricating substrate material having portions that form substrate cavity within said substrate material; filling said substrate cavity with portions of a wire bond pad to form a wire bond cavity in said wire bond pad; covering edge portions said wire bond pad with passivation material; and wirebonding a ball on an end of said wire to said wire bond cavity at column 4, lines 46-58.

In regards to claim 5, Engel teaches the method as set the step of: fabricating said wire bond cavity with portions that form at least one side of said wire bond cavity at column 4, lines 60-64.

In regards to claim 6, Engel teaches the method as set forth in claim 4 further comprising the step of: fabricating said wire bond cavity with portions that form a wire

bond cavity having a cross sectional shape that is one of: circular, oval, square, rectangular and irregular at column 4, lines 19-30.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee R Berry whose telephone number is (571) 272-1774. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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